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RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

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" 12 " " " 5 " "

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GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

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NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

It is prepared to accept of FIRE-CLASSES RISKS at 1/2 net per Annum, and other INSURANCES at Proportional Rates.

Shareholders are reminded that the Directors have the power of distributing a certain proportion of the accumulated profits annually among such Shareholders as have contributed to the Company.

AGENCIES, at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, Penang, and Manila.

AGENTS, at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. LEOPOLD FLEMMING to Sign our Firm at Foonchow, per Procuration, from this date.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881. je10

NOTICE.

MR. HERMANN OTTE has been authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration.

PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, May 18, 1881. je18

NOTICE.

MR. FRANCIS CASS is hereby authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuration on and after this Date.

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Amoy, 1st June, 1881. je1

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

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For Particulars, apply to J. J. BOS REMEDIOS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1881. je10

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Price, \$2.25 per dozen Pints.

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Hongkong, May 10, 1881. je10

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Quarts, \$16 per 1 doz. Case.

Pints, \$17 per 2 doz.

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Hongkong, February 2, 1880. je10

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To which is now added a Report of the Case of

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China Mail Office, Hongkong, April 13, 1881.

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Hongkong, December 5, 1879.

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Hongkong, May 20, 1881. je10

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Also, STORAGE (back Godowns).

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Hongkong, June 6, 1881. je10

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And, No. 6, PEDDER'S HILL.

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Hongkong, May 30, 1881. je10

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THE DWELLING HOUSE—No. 31, WILKINSON STREET.

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Apply to

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Hongkong, March 20, 1881. je10

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Hongkong, June 1, 1881. je1

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE JUST RECEIVED

SULLIVAN'S "PIRATES OF PENZANCE."

"Boulogne's" "China," Vol. 1.

"Board of Trade Instructions for Surveyors of Ships."

Providence's "English in Ireland."

Burger's "Engineer's Guide."

Sakoe's "New Guide to Japan."

Chamberlain's "Classical Poetry of the Japanese."

Prescott's "Electricity and Electric Light."

Wheeler's "Practical Photography."

"Amateur Acting."

Audley & Bowe's "Romantic Art of Japan."

Cassell's "History of Europe," Vol. I.

Theatrical's "Naval Architecture."

King's "Warships of England."

Rice & Bonard's "Seamy Side."

Boswell's "Endymion."

Cooke's "Billiards," new edition.

Mark Twain's "Tramp Abroad."

Hongkong, May 31, 1881. je16

Intimations.

NOTICE.

TENDERS will be RECEIVED in the

STEAMSHIP COMPANY up to the 14th

inst., at Noon, for the CONSTRUCTION

of a STEAM ENGINE, compound system,

with BOILER, of about 70 Horse Effective

Power, with a Surface Condenser.

For further information about the space

assigned to the said Engine and other

particulars, apply to the Underigned.

Builders, intending to Tender are re-

quested to present plans, which in case

of being not admitted will be returned to

the owner.

A. MENGARINI,

Agent for Spain.

Hongkong, 4th of June, 1881. je11

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will be absent at SHANG-

HAI until July 1st, when he will

return to Hongkong and remain perma-

nently.

Hongkong, May 9, 1881. je11

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Best known remedy for Nervousness,

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hai Pharmacy. 21ny81 21no81

Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

DOVE ROCK WHISTLING BUOY.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the DOVE

ROCK WHISTLING BUOY, was, on the

7th June, TEMPORARILY REMOVED

from its position, and replaced by a Red Buoy

surrounding the same, and for counter-

signation, and to take immediate delivery

of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at

once landed and stored, at Consignees' risk

and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, June 3, 1881. je10

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "TAKASAGO MARU," FROM

KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above

Vessel are hereby requested to send in

their Bills of Lading for countersignature,

and take immediate delivery of their

Goods from alongside.

For Sale.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
Have Received for Sale,
Especially selected Mail and
other Steamships.

AMERICAN — ENGLISH
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FRESH SUPPLIES RECEIVED BY EVERY
MAIL.

Eastern and Californian CHEESE.
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Pickled OX-TONGUES.
Family-PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.
Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb. cans.
Bean Ideal SALMON in 5 lb. cans.
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 2 1/2 lb. cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted PICKLES.
MINCEMEAT.
COMB HONEY in Original Frames.
Richardson and Roblin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.
Richardson and Roblin's Curried OYSTERS.
Assorted American SYRUPS for Soda
Water Drinks.
McCarthy's Sugar, LEMONADE.
Clam CHOWDER.
Coddish BALLS.
Green TURTLE in 2 1/2 lb. cans.

CALIFORNIA
RACKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb.
tins, and loose.
Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.
Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.
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OATMEAL.
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3,000 Numbers "FRANKLIN SQUARE" and
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"THE HARP OF A THOUSAND
STRINGS."

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For Ladies, and Office use.
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AERATED WATERS.

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SAVOIR PATE.
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PORK PATE.
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FRUITS for Ice.
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Russia OX-TONGUES.
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PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
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Ham TONGUE and
Chicken SAUSAGE.

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MACARONI.
VERMICELLI.
SAUSAGES.
MEATS.
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SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.
RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly
executed.

Hongkong, May 20, 1881.

Mails.



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.
STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE.

THE S.S. TAKANAGO MARU, Capt.
YOUNG, due here on or about the
4th June, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 11th June, at
Daylight.
Cargo received on board and Parcels at
the Office up to 6 p.m. of day of sailing.
No Bill of Lading signed under \$2
Freight.
All Claims must be settled on board
before delivery is taken, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
To Kobe, via Shanghai, 40 \$15
To Kobe, via Shanghai, 75 \$15
To Shanghai via YOKOHAMA, 120 \$40
To Kobe, via Shanghai, 95 \$30
A Reduction is made on RETURN CABIN
PASSENGERS.
Cargo and Passengers for Nagasaki
will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
Steamship at Kobe.
For Freight Particulars, apply at the
Company's Offices, 100A, Queen's Road, West
Corner Pottinger Street.
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 30, 1881. jcl1

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE
VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

THE S.S. OCEANIC will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on TUESDAY, 14th June, 1881, at 3 p.m.
Connection being made at Yokohama,
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
ports.
Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. of the 13th June.
All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full, and arrive at the Office
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the
day previous to sailing.
A Reduction of 25 % made on all
RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.
Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
land, Mexican, Central and South American
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.
For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 100A, Queen's Road Central.
CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr.,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 30, 1881. jcl4

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, PAPYRUS, AND
MARSEILLES.
Also,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON THURSDAY, the 16th day of June,
1881, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
"ALBATROSS," Commanded by Capt. J. B.
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.
Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the
15th of June, 1881. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, June 3, 1881. jcl6

Intimations.
NEWS FOR HOME.
The Overland China Mail.
(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)
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IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.
Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely
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WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of the Office. Price, \$1 each.
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SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCES
MARITIMES, MARSEILLE.
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED, 15,000,000 Francs.
CAPITAL PAID-UP, 3,750,000 "

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS of the above Company, are
prepared to grant Policies on MARINE
RISKS to all parts of the World.
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1880. 27a81

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
Risks upon First Class Buildings
and/or their Contents at 1 % net per
annum, and other Insurances at Pro-
portionate Rates. Shareholders are reminded
that under Section No. 110 of the Articles
of the Association the General Managers,
with the sanction of the Consulting Com-
mittee, are empowered to declare an An-
nual Bonus amongst such Shareholders as
shall have either directly, or through their
agent or intervention, contributed busi-
ness.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE)
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.
Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals and other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

Intimations.
Ninth Volume of the
"CHINA REVIEW."
Now Ready.
No. 5.—Vol. IX.
OF THE
"CHINA REVIEW"
CONTAINS—
A Short History of the Chinese
Dynasties.
The Principles of Nature.
The Principles of the Sui-king.
Chinese Superstitions about Infants.
Notes of New Books and Literary Intel-
ligence.
Notes and Queries.
Dr. Hance's Botanical Notices.
Botanical Notes.
Finger Numerals.
The First of Letters about Peking.
Sino-linguistics and Chinese History.
The Chinese Character "Seven."
Catholic Missionaries in the East.
A Chinese Ode Paraphrased.
Flogging of Criminals.
A Korean Dictionary.
Books Wanted, Exchanged, &c.
Hongkong, May 21, 1881.

SAILOR'S HOME.
ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or
Parcels will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour—
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A. Newton.—Captain.
AMETHY, American barque, Captain J.
Stewart.—Captain.
ANNA CAMP, American ship, Captain J.
A. Gardner.—Borneo Co., Limited.
KATALANTA, German steamer, Captain
F. Schlegel.—Siemens & Co.
BENALDE, British steamer, Captain J.
W. Buchanan.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
C. D. BRYANT, American barque, Capt.
Wm. M. Pape.—Edward Schellhaus & Co.
CAROLINA B. CARVER, Amer. ship, Capt.
Leroy Dow.—Douglas Laprak & Co.
FREDERICK, British barque, Captain A.
Stewart.—Geo. H. Stevens & Co.
H. H. GILVERBY, American ship, Capt.
Wm. V. Hart.—Order.
HILDA MARIA, Ger. barque, Capt. J. Johann-
sen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
JACK PATE, British barque, Capt. A.
Hanson.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
JOSEPHINE CHASE, Amer. barque, Capt.
H. R. Costigan.—Siemens & Co.
LAURA, German barque, Captain P. von
Ehren.—Edward Schellhaus & Co.
LEXICOX, British steamer, Captain D.
Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
LOCHIE, British 3-masted schooner, Capt.
D. S. Ewan.—Siemens & Co.
LOUISA, Germ. 3-masted schooner, Capt.
N. Schierloh.—Edward Schellhaus & Co.
MISKRA, German brig, Captain P.
Dunne.—Molchers & Co.
OXYGEN, British steamer, Captain C.
P. Jones.—Russell & Co.
PREMONT, German barque, Captain
Schneider.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
ROSE M. British barque, Captain D.
Black.—Edward Schellhaus & Co.
SOLITON, French barque, Captain L.
Roulier.—Carlowitz & Co.
ST. VINCENT, British barque, Capt. Robt.
Thompson.—Molchers & Co.
WELLS, German steamer, Captain J. B.
Massmann.—Wieler & Co.
WOODVILLE, British barque, Capt. Lewis
Reynolds.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
YAKTA, American barque, Captain N. E.
Reynolds.—Bozano & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

UNION LINE.
FOR YOKOHAMA.
The Steamship
"Euphrates,"
Capt. Mirochell, will
be despatched for the
above Port on SATURDAY, the 11th Inst.,
at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, June 9, 1881. jcl1

FOR AMOY, TAIWANEEO & TAMSUI.
The Steamship
"Walla,"
Capt. MASSMANN, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on SATURDAY, the 11th Inst., at
4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, June 9, 1881. jcl1

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.
The Spanish Steamer
"Emmy,"
Capt. BLANCO, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on MONDAY Next, the 13th Inst.,
at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.,
Hongkong, June 9, 1881. jcl3

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CARGO.
Per Khiva, to London, 9,273 half-chests
12,000 boxes and 249 pkgs. Ten, 35 bales
Silk, 250 bales Waste Silk, 14 boxes Silk
Pice Goods, 69 bales Punjun Silk, and
1,129 pkgs. Sundries. To Continent, 28
pkgs. Sundries. 46 boxes Silk Piece Goods, 20
pkgs. Sundries.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close—
For SWATOW, CHEFOO, AND NEW-
CHWANG,
Per Fortigen, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow,
the 10th inst.

For SHANGHAI,
Per Glendal, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,
the 10th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW—
Per Nawa, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,
the 10th inst.

For AMOY—
Per Chang Hock Kien, at 1.30 p.m. To-
morrow, the 10th inst.

For SAIGON—
Per Bivoc, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the
10th inst.

For KOBE AND YOKOHAMA—
Per Takasago Maru, at 5 p.m., on Fri-
day, the 10th June.

For NAGASAKI AND YOKOHAMA—
Per Asahi, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the
10th June.

For YOKOHAMA—
Per Euphrates, at 11.30 a.m., on Satur-
day, the 11th inst.

For SHANGHAI—
Per Morry, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 11th inst.

For FOOCHOW—
Per Canton, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday,
the 11th inst.

For HOIHOW, PAKHOI AND HAI-
PHONG—
Per Ping-on, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the
11th inst.

For AMOY AND MANILA—
Per Emmy, at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the
13th inst.

For STRAITS AND CALCUTTA—
Per Japan, at 2.30 p.m., on Wednesday,
the 15th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Packet, Packet, *Tramway*
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 10th June, with Mails to and
through the United Kingdom and
Europe, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,
the Australian Colonies, Pondichery,
Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Suez, and
Gibraltar.
The usual hours will be observed in closing
the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.
The United States Packet, *General*,

whom the grave has just closed, it becomes something which it is undesirable to characterize. The inference intended to be drawn from the statement, and its surrounding cloud of misrepresentations, is that these 158 dismissals were the fruits of Sir Richard MacDonnell's licensed gambling system. Now whatever were the demerits of that system—and they were prominently pointed out in these columns—it certainly did not produce those results, as the whole of the evidence and experience point to an entirely different conclusion. Unlicensed gambling was detected by the Gambling Farmers, as unlicensed opium-selling is now; and the Police had less to do than they have had since on that account. The recent prosecution of Capt. Deane's servant throws some light on this view of the subject, and so far as the Chinese Force is concerned, we have still a very strong opinion upon its corruptibility.

In reference to Captain Deane, it may here be observed that, while we have severely criticised that officer's public acts when called upon, it seems only fair to him to state that much of the improvement now observable in the Police Force is due to his efforts. The Captain's superintendence has frequently spoken of the questionable police, constituting the European force in the Colony; while two batches of men from Hong Kong had actually arrived before Sir Arthur Kennedy appeared on the scene. Had the Governor been desirous merely to state facts, the credit due to Captain Deane would have been duly given. But Captain Deane and Captain Thomson (Harbour Master) are both at present enveloped in a cloud of gubernatorial displeasure, which furnishes much light upon official matters in these days. Captain Thomson, as far back as 22nd May 1872, strongly recommended the substitution of steam-launches for row-boats in the Water Police service; but His Excellency preferred to take credit for the initiation of that idea to himself.

One more word, and we shall then dismiss this wretched patchwork of misrepresentation, vindictiveness and personal vanity. Why was the minute of Sir Arthur Kennedy, made in Executive Council upon the despatch containing the confirmation of the Branding and Flogging Ordinance, read to the Legislative Council the other day? If the Secretary of State did confirm that ordinance "with extreme pain and hesitation," there is to all honourable men something repulsive in a Governor thus committing something like a gross breach of confidence in order that he may crow over the author of that well-measured measure, now that the grand old man is dead and gone. The minute, thus quoted to cause a reflection upon the administration of a man whose memory will shine clear long after smaller men have been forgotten, is a private document never intended for the public eye. That, however, matters nothing to Sir John Hennessy, when any questionable necessity arises.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected to arrive here on or about the 22nd inst., per P. M. S. *City of Tokio*, which brings San Francisco dates to the 23rd ult.

The steamer *Bongio* went to the Kowloon Dock this afternoon.

The delivery of the English Mail was begun at 5.20 this evening.

The debate in Parliament on the Opium Traffic had excited considerable interest and occupies a large space in the papers to hand. They arrive, however, at too late an hour to allow of our dealing with them, even cursorily, to-night.

To-day (9th) is the 100th anniversary of George Stephenson's birth. The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants in England has decided to celebrate the occasion by a series of festivals, out of the proceeds of which it will extend its means of carrying on charitable work.

The American barque *C. D. Bryant*, which arrived here this afternoon, brings news of the loss of the Captain, when she was about six days out from Newcastle, it is supposed, overboard. No particulars can be given of the occurrence as no one observed it. A short time before he was discovered to be missing he had been in the cabin in company with his wife and daughter.

In our obituary notice yesterday will be found announced the death of Mr. H. Murakami, clerk of the Mitsui Bishi S.S. Co.'s agency here. This young gentleman had been here only a year, during which time he had shown himself a remarkably promising and clever young man. He was much respected by all the Japanese here. His death was caused by "Hongkong fever," and amongst those taking part in it were the Japanese Consul, Mr. Taro Ando; the Captain of the Company's steamer *Takago Maru*, Captain Young; the Agent of the Company at Hongkong, Mr. H. J. Tripp; the European and Japanese pursers of the *Takago Maru*, and, we believe, all the Japanese residents in this Colony. The coffin was carried to the grave in the Protestant Cemetery by six sailors of the steamer. Every mark of respect was paid to the deceased, showing the high and respected position he had occupied in the minds of his compatriots. Mr. Murakami's predecessor was also laid to rest here, having died of consumption over a year ago.

The following is one of the numerous interpolations made in the Governor's speech as it is reported by himself in the *Gazette*. It is a word of this passage was ever spoken in the Chamber by the Governor on the reference does not appear in either of

the local newspapers, which have to depend upon the mechanical and unimaginative short-hand reporter, who can only reproduce what takes place, only that and nothing more. After having mentioned that the piece-goods dealers had increased from 78 in 1876 to 109, and cotton and yarn dealers from 38 to 58, the *Gazette* reports the Governor to have said:

This is of interest, not merely to Manchester, Bradford or Leeds; these Chinese merchants of Hongkong are now facilitating an Indian trade with China, healthier, and with a safer future, than the trade in that drug which a few years ago was the only considerable commercial link between British India and China. Since 1877, the quantity of opium yarn received in Hongkong has steadily risen from 21,000 to 61,000. The increase in the value of this trade from \$1,706,913 in 1877 to \$5,251,246 in 1880, has been coincident with an increase in our imports of raw cotton from Bengal and Hongkong from \$3,900,000 in 1877 to \$9,000,000 in 1880. Our opium trade shows no such tendency to increase. In 1880, we imported 87,747 chests, as against 88,428 in 1877. Mr. F. D. Sassoon tells me that the value of our total trade with India last year was \$67,772,567, the value of the opium being \$68,238,238. Though the trade in other goods than opium is but one-sixth of the total Indian trade, yet it is so rapidly developing, that I look forward with confidence to the time when it will outstrip, and perhaps, enable the Indian Government to curtail the trade in opium.

The puzzling thing about these glib reports, which, have, from time to time appeared in the *Gazette*, is this, why are not any corrections or additions, which it is deemed proper to make in the original report as it appears, made honestly? There is no reason in the world why the extract we have given above should not have been put as a footnote; and while for many of the alterations made, in the *Daily Press* report, to make it the official report published in the *Gazette* we can find no reason at all, for none of the alterations do we find the only reason that would have justified the Governor in publishing, as the short-hand report of one of the local papers, what was certainly not the report of either. Thus, only justifying reasons would have been that the reporter had made a glaring slip, that a clumsy phrase of the speaker's might as well be mended, or that a typographical blunder had made nonsense of a passage. In the report His Excellency adopts and changes to suit his ever-changing whim, we find, so far as we have yet looked through it, none of the three elements present which might have excused the action. But perhaps the best way for the Governor to republish his speech would have been that of declaring it "the revised and official report"—a thing which is done in many colonies, and done every day at home. Dozens of statements in England published in pamphlet form, and in the magazines, revised and enlarged reproductions of lectures, addresses or memorable speeches which they have delivered; and are justified, of course, in altering the shape of their deliverance to suit the new audience they are addressing. So might Governor Hennessy change his tone, justifiably enough, when, through the *Gazette*, addressing officials, or friends in Parliament or Exeter Hall in general, from that in which he addressed the Council and the readers of the local papers through the reporters. But perhaps the reason why the Governor who is placed over us at the present moment does no one thing in the straight forward and honest, manly form that everybody else in his position does it in, is that Sir John Pope Hennessy is Governor.

As the subject of the abstraction of valuables (in that case Bank notes) attracted some attention here a short time ago, and reference was made in these columns to it, the following, which is from a letter addressed by the Postmaster General of Ceylon to the Editor of the local *Observer*, who complained of having been charged double registration fee and a fine of 32 cts. (Rs. 1-100 cts) on a letter which was "supposed to contain valuables" and did contain postage stamps although not of great value, will be interesting:

"Postal Administration throughout the world uniformly forbids the transmission of money and valuables in ordinary correspondence and nowhere is it more necessary that this rule should be strictly enforced than in Ceylon. Nothing I do or say has the smallest effect in checking the practice. There are I believe a great number of letters posted by bank notes in the hands of the post office. What you say is perfectly true and is reasonable enough, but the dishonest sorter or clerk who is in search of money does not hesitate to chance a number of letters on suspicion, and it is the difficulty in small remittances which draw the line. My chief duty in regard to letters is to protect and deliver public correspondence, and I regard the remittance of money or valuables in an ordinary letter as an enemy; at the same time I am anxious to be reasonable in his treatment, and the remittance of money, and if I could make money orders and registration cheaper I would do so. Just now I am afraid this is out of the question."

The skit about the death of "Honour, the beloved wife of John Bull," has been followed by another satire by the same author. It is in the shape of an auction bill, and announces that "Mr. W. E. Gladstone will sell by auction, at the Boer's Head Hotel, the whole of the landed estates, goods, chattels, and effects of John Bull, Esq., who is retiring from business on account of advancing age and ill-health, induced by his long and arduous career, and comprising three kingdoms (united or otherwise), one empire, one dominion, forty-eight colonies, and one suzerainty, &c." The lots are separately described, and the description of "Lot 3, India," will give an idea of the writer's style. "This magnificent empire, purchased by the vendor at an enormous expense, would form a most desirable acquisition to neighbouring owners. The key of the mansion may be obtained on application to Mr. Abdul Rahman, Kandahar, who is the north-west entrance of the domain. There is a great variety of

game on the estate, and also capital best shooting within easy distance. In this lot is included a right of way over the Cyprus Estate." Lot 6 is described as follows: "Four semi-detached Residences, Adon, Hongkong, Sarawak and Singapore, and two Islands, Ceylon and Lulu, the whole known as the British Colonies in Asia. The author is said to be Mr. Passmore, M. P."

SALES OF HOUSE PROPERTY AND LAND IN HONGKONG.

We have been favoured with the following supplementary list of properties which have changed hands since our last list, published on the 30th ultimo, was completed:

- * Lot 73—Section, 12 houses in Queen's Road East, \$34,000.
- * Lot 65—Blue Buildings, Queen's Road and Praya, \$130,000.
- * Lot 293—Along a house, Queen's Road Central No. 8, \$67,000.
- * Lot 10—Section, Carlisle and Co.'s office, Road East, No. 12, \$87,000.
- * Lot 28—Section 2 shops No. 79 Jervois Street, and 46 Bonham Strand, \$44,000.
- * Lot 144—2 shops No. 81 Jervois Street, and 48 Bonham Strand, \$45,000.
- * Lot 83—B & D—2 shops 15 and 17 Whiglow Street, \$42,000.
- * Lot 291—New Charter Bank, Queen's Road, \$66,000.
- * Lot 57—New Oriental Bank, Queen's Road and Duddell Street, \$65,000.

* Bought by Chinese.

THE TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE TO THE M. S. "DORTEL".

Some few further particulars are to hand to-day by the English papers; and in the telegrams in the Indian papers as to the loss of the *Dortel*. The telegram from Montevideo to the Secretary of the Admiralty was as follows: "Dortel blown up April 26—Sandy Point, Straits of Magellan. Cause unknown. Lieutenant Stokes stayed at some of disaster to ascertain cause, with divers. Commander, paymaster, engineer, Walker, carpenter, and seven seamen saved. Survivors returning home in mail steamer *Batavia*." There was nothing further then this to hand, when the mail left; and there is very little more in all we read in the English papers than what was published in our columns on the receipt of the first telegram. The "guesses" as to the cause of the accident are the same at home as they were here at the time. We read:

There is very little information of hand as to the cause of the disaster. It is conjectured that the accident most probably happened in the fore part of the ship, where the men's quarters are placed. This conjecture agrees with the theory most generally credited, that one of the boilers burst, and the consequent explosion led to the magazine situated forward. Yet this theory is in contradiction to the fact that the magazine was well protected against any such contingency as the bursting of a boiler; and another supposition is that the ship may have struck a torpedo—one which had been blown down during the recent Chilean war. Yet another hypothesis has been ventured. The *Dortel* carried large quantities of gunpowder; and it is possible that this may have exploded spontaneously. The *Dortel* was formed of planking attached to iron framing, and was in consequence devoid of double-bottom and watertight compartments. With a hole punched out of her bottom she was bound to sink.

The full and official list of officers on board the steamer at the time the collision occurred agrees completely with our list given on the 20th ult. from the latest Navy List so far as the list we then gave was able to go; but the details now to hand supply these names in addition—Asst. Clerk, Charles S. Inglis; Boatman W. M. Taylor; Assistant Engineer Walker (of Garnet). We also note that Commander Evans, Lieut. Stokes, Paymaster Colborne, and Asst. Engineer Walker are all those reported as saved.

The following as to the armament and the ammunition on board was not at our disposal at the time we wrote:

Her armament consisted of two 7 in. R.M.L. guns of 90 cwt. each; four 6 in. R.M.L. guns of 45 cwt.; one 7 in. Gatling gun of 45 calibres. The ammunition on board consisted of 100 rounds for each of the above guns, making in all 800 rounds. The *Dortel* was also equipped with a torpedo armament for boat service, and would have on board 1,500 lbs. of gun cotton.

The Queen has forwarded to the First Lord of the Admiralty a letter of condolence for the widows and orphans of the men who perished in the explosion on board H.M.S. *Dortel*. This communication will be forwarded without delay to the authorities at the different ports, who will inform the widows and orphans of Her Majesty's message. Orders were issued, May 8, by the Admiralty for the *Dortel* to be sent to the Straits of Magellan, to assist in the recovery of stores, materials, &c., from the wreck.

A telegram dated Lisbon, May 24th, reads as follows:

"The survivors of Her Majesty's ship *Dortel*, have arrived here, and state that two explosions occurred at 10 o'clock in the morning of April 26th, whilst the ship lay anchored off Sandy Point, after which the vessel was totally destroyed. The cause, they say, is involved in mystery, but a general consensus of opinion among them is that the disaster did not occur through the accidental explosion of a torpedo placed in the Straits during the recent Peruvian war."

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq., Police Magistrate.)

Thursday, June 9.

Ng Ayan, remanded from 2nd June, was convicted of stealing a pair of trousers from the office of the Tung Wah Hospital, and fined \$10, or one month's imprisonment.

Kwan Ah was charged by Tang Ahm, water cooler with stealing 40 cents in silver from his person while outside the Ko Sing Theatre. Defendant felt some one's hand being inserted below his jacket, and discovered it was the prisoner's, who ran, but was caught and handed over to the district watchman. No money was found on him.

INPRISONMENT WITH HARD LABOUR FOR THREE MONTHS.

Five Chinamen were charged with stealing a quantity of lead from a ship in the harbour, and were remanded until the 14th inst. They had been employed in a lighter at the ship's side, and had stowed the stolen property on board of their craft. About half a ton of lead of spelter was missing altogether.

REMAND.

Chung Aying was charged with grasping a married woman named Cheung Akin by the neck of her dress, and for this he was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ALLOWING A PRISONER TO ESCAPE.

Wong Kuk Tak, remanded from June 1st, was charged at the instance of Inspector Cameron with allowing a prisoner in custody for larceny to escape, was to-day discharged with a caution. He had omitted to handcuff the man.

ALLEGED THEFT FROM THE PERSON.

Wong Afat, remanded from 1st June, charged with stealing a pair of earrings and a pair of drops from the person of a woman, was to-day discharged.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Two Chinamen were charged with being in unlawful possession of a knife. The first said he bought it from the second defendant, but the latter denied the transaction, maintaining that an Indian sold it to the first defendant. The second defendant was fined \$2, and the first was discharged.

SHIP DESTRUCTION.

Frank Taylor and John Frazer admitted destruction of their ship, and the Magistrate ordered them to be put on board by the police.

THROWING NIGHT SOIL ON THE STREET.

Lau Ko Chung was convicted, on the evidence of the Inspector of Nuisances, of throwing night soil on the street, and was sentenced to pay \$1 or three weeks in goal.

THIEF.

Ng Awoing, aged 10, remanded from the 7th June, was charged with trespass on the property of William Hall, remanded from 1st June, and charged with being engaged in cleaning out the officers' billiard room on heard some one knocking at the door, who immediately cleared out, and jumped the railings. Several billiard balls had been thrown out of the window. The girl said she was there for the most innocent of purposes, but admitted that he had been in goal before. He had resided there on four occasions.

He was fined \$5, or one month's imprisonment, the first and last fourteen days to be in solitary confinement, and to find one surety of \$25 to be of good behaviour for six months.

Chang Ahnung was charged with stealing a silver watch and one pair of silk trousers the property of Li Tak Kai, a fisherman. Complainant said he left his house on the 24th ult., and did not return until the 25th. When he came back he found the articles mentioned gone. He reported the matter to the police and yesterday he saw them in No. 7 Station.

Defendant said he admitted taking the things; but said, notwithstanding, that he was not a thief, and was sentenced to be imprisoned for two months, the first and last fourteen days in solitary confinement, and the remainder with hard labour.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A large number of trifling cases were disposed of by lines ranging from 25 cents to \$1.

REMANDS.

About a dozen cases, in which the defendants were charged with keeping agencies for the sale of opium, were remanded until Tuesday, the 14th instant. Half—Two sentences of \$100 each.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Nepent*, Captain J. S. Murray, with the London mail of the 8th May arrived this afternoon. We give the Indian telegraph reproduced in the *Straits Times* *Extra* of 3rd June, and a few items of local interest from the *L. & C. Express* of the 6th May:

London May 19.—The House of Commons last night passed the second reading of the Irish Land Bill by a majority of 176. The extreme Home Rule members retired without voting.

The Marquis of Salisbury, speaking at a Conservative banquet last night, strongly disapproved of the Irish Land Bill. The *Daily News* publishes a telegram from their special correspondence at Mev, dated May 18th, stating that all the Home Rule members have signed and forwarded a petition to the British Minister at Teheran requesting a British alliance.

May 21.—Dorchester, in reply to a question in the House of Commons last night, said Sir Louis Mallet's proposal at the meeting of the Malacca Conference of the 17th instant, that India would maintain a free mintage of silver during a period to be afterwards agreed upon, was in accordance with instructions received from the Government, but the proposal was solely conditional upon obtaining a binding agreement to a similar effect between the Powers.

The India Office had received a telegram from Sir L. Mallet, explaining that the opinion expressed in the abstract question of Bismarck's was purely personal.

Official despatches have been published concerning Tunis, in which Earl Granville emphatically declares that the British Government will maintain British treaty privileges in Tunis.

The Queen has arrived at Balmoral. Numerous arrests of Land Leaguers have been made in Ireland, including Father Sheely, Roman Catholic priest at Kilmallock. The Conservative candidate for Preston has been elected by a large majority in the recent election.

China.

Shanghai.

(N. C. Daily News.)

Messrs. McGregor, Gow & Co.'s steamer *Glendora*, from Hankow for London, with a cargo of tea, arrived at the Red Bury at 10.30 a.m. yesterday (8th), and the *Shih*, with a similar cargo, for the same destination, arrived there about half an hour later. The *Glendora* was met "between the two Lightships" about half-past ten o'clock by the C.C.S.N. Co.'s steamer *Ando*, and a vessel that the *Shih* left the Red Bury at 10.45 a.m.

The statement that the Sultan had deposed the Bey of Tunis is not confirmed. In the House of Commons, tonight, both Mr. Gladstone and Sir Stafford Northcote passed a resolution on the late Mr. Adam's bill, May 19.—The Chamber of Deputies today passed the bill for a *serutin de liste*.

The Metallic Conference has been adjourned to 30th June in order to enable all the Governments represented to deliberate on their course of action.

Constantinople, May 22.—Midhat Pasha arrived here to-day. Turkish Bey, the Turkish ambassador at Rome, has also been arrested for complicity in the murder of the ex-Sultan Abdul Aziz.

May 24.—The Porte has signed the convention with Crete.

St. Petersburg, May 20.—General Scobeleff has been offered the Governorship of Turkistan, but has declined the appointment on the ground of ill-health.

May 24.—An Imperial Ukase has been issued for incorporation of the Tekke Turkoman territory with the Caucasian military district.

Rome, May 19.—General Garibaldi has written a letter declaring the annexation of Tunis by the French Government an insult and threat to Italy, and he considers it necessary that the Italian fleet and fifty thousand soldiers should be held in preparation to defend Italian interests.

Algiers, May 20.—Heavy fighting has taken place at Soukhrin in Tunis, between Arabs and French troops, the former using the advance of the latter upon the town of Mater. Subsequently the French occupied the towns of Mater and Beja.

May 21.—The Sultan has deposed the French Governor of Tunis, and has appointed a French officer in great force near Chellala, but were repulsed with a loss of 300 killed and wounded, the French native troops are described as being in a demoralized condition.

(L. & C. Express, May 6.)

Three new gun-boats of the *Epilote* type have been recently constructed under the superintendence of Sir William Armstrong, for the Chinese Government, and will proceed to their destination shortly. They have been built exactly on the model of the *Epilote*, and are armed in the same fashion, viz., with one thirty-five ton gun, two broad-bore guns, two smaller guns, and two torpedoes; the gun to each vessel. On their trial trip the new gun-boats developed a satisfactory turn of speed, half a knot over the contract rate of ten knots per hour being attained while steaming ahead, and nine and a half while travelling astern. The vessels will be dispatched under the command of experienced officers in the mercantile marine, Captain John Ross being the senior officer.

Telegrams from St. Petersburg of the 30th ult. report that the redification of the Russo-Chinese boundary treaty and the recall of Admiral Leskowsky's squadron from the Pacific were daily expected. Only a few vessels will remain to protect Russian interests in the event of a war between China and Japan, which in Russian official circles is regarded as probable.

The annual meeting of the Anglo-Oriental Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade will be held in the lower hall at Exeter Hall on Tuesday, the 10th inst. Mr. J. W. Pease's resolutions on the Opium Trade and the Chefoo Convention were brought before the House of Commons on the 29th ult.

A treaty for the mutual succour of shipwrecked mariners, recently concluded between the Governments of Japan and the United States, has been ratified by the Senate of the last-named Power.

A telegram reports that 300 Chinamen have arrived at Victoria, British Columbia, in order to work as railway labourers.

The Queen held a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace yesterday, at which the presentations were about 270 in number. The Diplomatic Circle was headed by the Japanese Minister and Madame Matsuyama. The Chinese *Cheong* & *Affaire* was absent through unavoidable causes.

Messrs. Richardson & Co., of the Tyne, are building two steamers to the order of Messrs. Siemens & Co., of Hongkong, somewhat larger than the *Shih*, and running on the Hongkong and Shanghai line. They are to be named the *Pekin* and the *Hongkong*. The former will be ready in June, and the latter in November next.

It is notified that the partnership heretofore existing between William Rushton Adamson and Henry William Garay, under the firm and style of Adamson and Garay, at Nicholas-lane, has been dissolved by mutual consent, and that all outstanding transactions will be settled by Mr. W. R. Adamson.

It is also announced that Messrs. Adamson, Bell and Co., of China and Japan, have established themselves at the above address, under the management of their partner, Mr. Charles Lyall Grant.

On the 28th ult. the steamship *Bothwell Castle* had her trial trip, which was in every way satisfactory, a continuous speed of over 12 knots being attained, the draught of water being 22 feet 6 inches. She has been built to the order of Messrs. Thos. Skinner and Co., of London and Glasgow, for their well known Castle Line of steamers to China. Her engines are of 300-horse power nominal, and indicate an effective power of 1,000 horses.

The *Bothwell Castle* has proceeded to London to complete her trial trip for China. The owners have given Mr. Dixon an order for a duplicate steamer.

Luxemburg, Snow, from Hamburg for Hongkong (general cargo), put into Rio Janeiro April 4, having encountered very bad weather, and making eight inches water per inch at sea, she has not yet been surveyed.

Captain Milbank, special agent to the Cigarette and Captain Capus, of the condemned French barque *Pacific*, proceeded to the Cape on the 10th of April for the purpose of chartering vessels to convey both cargoes to their destination.

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We have it on the authority of a Russian flag captain that the twenty-five thousand troops stationed at Vladivostok, and the balance of the squadron, will remain there until after the 12th August, when the ratification of the treaty with China is expected to take place. The indemnity, our information says, is fixed at four hundred and fifty million roubles, apart from thecession of Kuldja.

Having some doubts as to the reliability of the report in the *Nichi Nichi Shinbun* regarding the alleged manufacture of rails at Yokohama for the proposed railway extensions, we have made enquiry, and find that the report is unfounded, and that the

is no machinery at the Yokohama Arsenal for the manufacture of rails. The statement as to quality would therefore appear to be also a little gratuitous.

Since the fall in kinatun from par to its present depreciation of 100 per cent, the crime throughout Japan has been almost proportionately large. The *Akento Shinbun* states that crime increased during the year 1879 over the previous year as much as thirty per cent, and within the statistics for the year 1880 are published, we shall doubtless find a further increase. The numerous robberies attributed to the high price of the common necessities of life; and it may be added that these necessities are dear because kinatun are cheap.

His Majesty the Mikado is reported to have purchased articles in the national exhibition to the value of 22,343.99 yen; and the Empress to the value of 6,287.81 yen.

A rich merchant in Paris, who deals largely in Japanese and Chinese curios, is expected to arrive in Japan shortly; and the *Chong Shinbun* considers that the advent of so wealthy and influential a gentleman will create a larger business in exports than at present exists.

We hear that the Dutch barque *Trizo* has been disposed of to a German firm in Yokohama for the sum of \$10,000.

FOOCHOW GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The annual general meeting of the Foochow General Chamber of Commerce was held on the 27th, when Mr. W. H. Harton, Jr., presided, and there were present some twenty members.

The report (as published yesterday in our columns) was adopted on the motion of Mr. Leila, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, and the accounts also, on the motion of Mr. Sheppard, seconded by Mr. Tadmur, were passed.

Mr. Cole raised a question as to the wisdom of this Chamber subscribing to the Foochow Courier, pointing out that that service was more for the benefit of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce than of Foochow one, as but very few, if any, telegrams came from Shanghai, while all, or nearly all, telegrams went to that port.

The matter was left to the Committee as one worth looking into.

Mr. Hunter suggested that the Chamber subscribe to a number of political or general telegrams, say twice a week.

The Chairman suggested that it might be advisable to attend telegrams from Shanghai in the same way as Shanghai now receives telegrams from Foochow.

Nothing was done in the matter.

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China was duly admitted as a member of the Chamber.

Two of the Postal Committee having left the port it was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Hunter, that that Committee be empowered to fill up vacancies therein as they occur.

Mr. Danner suggested the advisability of increasing the General Committee from five to seven members. He remarked that there were other interests besides the ten interest, such as the Banks, merchants who were connected with imports, besides several Russian houses whose interests were involved in the welfare of the commerce of the Port. He threw out the suggestion only for the consideration of the members of the Chamber as the matter was one that could be dealt with only at a special meeting.

Messrs. H. J. Chambers, W. H. Harton, Jr., W. J. Robinson, F. Schofield, and E. Sheppard, were elected the Committee for the ensuing year.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

THE FOOCHOW CHAMBER AND POSTAL FACILITIES.

The report of the Postal sub-Committee of the Chamber of Commerce contains little information which has not already been made public. Paragraph 5, refers to the action of the two Chambers of Commerce which refused to join with them in the memorial as follows:

"It was with great regret the Committee received the refusal of the Hongkong and Amoy Chambers of Commerce, to aid in procuring the removal of the almost intolerable inconvenience which this port is compelled to submit to, in connection with the present system of mail communication, the more especially as the committee cannot help feeling convinced that the refusal is based on, to say the least, very insufficient grounds."</

